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Re: Application of: Mikko HANNINEN, et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING  
HORIZONTALLY LOADED CARGO UNITS TO A  
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**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

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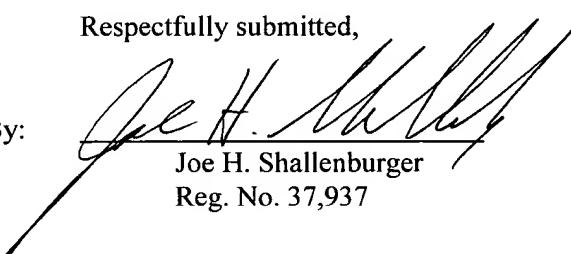
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patent to extend the time for filing a response to the final Office Action dated November 26, 2003 for one month from February 26, 2004 to March 26, 2004.

The extension fee of \$110.00 is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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